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SUBJ: GUATEMALA MEETING DECLARATION

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1. THE HONDURAN MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE FONMINS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JULY 29, 1976 IN GUATEMALA CITY, CONCLUDED WITH THE SIGNING OF A JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN TROOPS ALONG THE BORDER. HOWEVER, HONDURAS INSISTED ON THE PRESENCE OF OAS MILITARY OBSERVERS ALONG THE FRONTIER ZONE.

2. THE GUATEMALAN FONMIN RENEWED THE PROMISES OF THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT OF CONTRIBUTING BY ALL MEANS TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE SALVADORAN FONMIN STATED THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION PROVIDED A PARTIAL SOLUTION FOR REALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. THE HONDURAN FONMIN THANKED THE GUATEMALAN FONMIN

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FOR HIS INTEREST IN THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM AND FOR THE

HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO ALL PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS; HE ALSO STATED THAT HONDURAS IS ALWAYS WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR.

3. THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION FOLLOW:

A. HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE. UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE OAS OBSERVERS, THE CEASE-FIRE ON THE SALVADORAN SIDE WILL BE SUPERVISED BY A COMMISSION FORMED BY THE MILITARY ATTACHES OF THE EMBASSIES OF GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE COSTA RICAN PUBLIC FORCES; AND ON THE HONDURAN SIDE, BY COMMISSION FORMED BY THE MILITARY ATTACHES OF THE EMBASSIES OF GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA, AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE COSTA RICAN PUBLIC FORCES;

B. THE GOVERNMENTS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR AGREE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITY ZONE FOR PACIFICATION PURPOSES, AGREED UPON AT SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, ON JUNE 4, 1970. THE REMOVAL OF THE TROOPS, PROVIDED FOR IN THE PLAN, WILL START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE OAS MILITARY OBSERVERS; AND

C. IT DIRECTED ITS REQUEST FOR THE PROMPT ARRIVAL OF THE OAS MILITARY OBSERVERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN OF THE OAS.

4. IT WAS SIGNED BY THE FONMINS OF ALL FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.
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